

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1190

By Kane

A RESOLUTION to honor Bill Geisel, State Minister for the Capitol Commission of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize an outstanding minister who has reached out to the Capitol community and helped members, staff, and others fully enrich their lives through a personal relationship with God and a better understanding of the Scripture; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel serves as the State Minister with the Capitol Commission of Tennessee, a nonprofit organization that seeks to reach the Capitol community for Christ, one person at a time; he conducts a weekly Bible study at the Tennessee State Capitol during session, and his insight into the Scripture brings unparalleled depth, context, and richness to the topics being studied; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel was instrumental in bringing the Historical Artifact and Scroll Exhibit to the Tennessee State Capitol in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit provided Tennesseans with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view Old Testament texts, Torah scrolls, a scroll of the Book of Esther, a rare 600-year-old Taj Torah, and other historical documents, some of which survived the Holocaust to be secretly airlifted out of Yemen in the late 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel has been in pastoral ministry for more than twenty-five years, including more than a dozen years in children, youth, and adult ministry, and has pastored in Ontario, Canada; Michigan; Indiana; South Carolina; and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel is currently the permanent but part-time pastor of Community Bible Fellowship, a small independent Bible church near Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he has also distinguished himself as a study leader, having guided or participated in over eighteen tours of Israel and other Biblical lands; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel completed his undergraduate work in Chattanooga; he holds a master's degree from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary in Michigan and has done further studies in Israel; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Bill Geisel is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-eight years, Cynthia, and their four sons; and

WHEREAS, Bill Geisel has served this body well as a pastor, teacher, mentor, and friend, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Bill Geisel, State Minister for the Capitol Commission of Tennessee, for his many contributions to Tennessee's Capitol community as a religious leader and Biblical scholar and thank him for bringing the Historical Artifact and Scroll Exhibit to the Tennessee State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.